

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings. Submitted herewith are proposed drawing changes for the Examiner's approval.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2-12, 14-17, 36-46, and 48-51 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejection, especially in view of the clarifications made hereinabove.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 21 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Arnold et al. (5,440,723). Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejection, especially in view of the amendments made hereinabove. Specifically, such claims have been cancelled hereinabove.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 19, 20, and 23-29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended the claims in such manner.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P155).

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